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TAGS: PFOR, IR

SUBJ: REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO SHAH

REF: STATE 28868

1. LOCAL RADIO, TV AND PRESS ON FEBRUARY 9 AND 10 PROMINENTLY
FEATURED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SHAH, CARRYING FULL
TEXT IN FARSI OR ENGLISH IN MOST CASES. COMMENTARY FOCUSED
ON CARTER'S DESIRE TO DRAW ON THE SHAH'S "LONG EXPERIENCE IN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS" AND "TO MAINTAIN A FIRM RELATIONSHIP"
BETWEEN THE US AND IRAN. TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS REPORTS BEING
SENT USINFO.

2. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINED KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL REPORT NOTED THAT "DIPLO

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MATIC OBSERVERS IN TEHRAN" LAST NIGHT ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE
IMPORTANCE TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A LENGTHY AND CAREFULLY
DRAFTED MESSAGE. COMING FROM A NEW ADMINISTRATION, THE
MESSAGE WAS SEEN AS A SOLID REAFFIRMATION OF THE TRADITIONALLY
CLOSE TIES BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S. CARTER'S HOPE THAT
THE SHAH WOULD WRITE TO HIM DIRECTLY WILL REINFORCE THE
PERSONAL AND CLOSE CONTACTS THAT HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN
THE IRANIAN HEAD OF STATE AND A SUCCESSION OF AMERICAN
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PRESIDENTS. OTHER MEDIA PLAY WAS ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

3. COMMENT: SHAH WAS CLEARLY DELIGHTED WITH WARMTH AND
TONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AS REFLECTED IN THE UNUSUAL
PROMINENCE AND EXTENT OF MEDIA PLAY AND STRESS ON REAFFIRMATION
OF CLOSE US/IRANIAN RELATIONSHIP WHICH NEW ADMINISTRATION
INTENDS TO MAINTAIN. AS WE HAVE NOTED IN THE PST, FORM IS

OFTEN AS IMPORTANT AS SUBSTANCE HERE AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MET
BOTH REQUIREMENTS SUPERBLY IN REASSURING WHAT WE DETECTED
TO BE AN INCREASINGLY NERVOUS SHAH AND GOI ABOUT FUTURE DIRECTION
US/IRANIAN RELATIONS. NEXT STEP WILL BE APPOINTMENT OF NEW
AMBASSADOR WHO IS SEEN AS INDIVIDUAL OF STATURE ENJOYING
COMPLETE CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT.
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